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The Honorable Carol Evans
Chairwoman
Spokane Tribe of Indians
6195 Ford-Wellpinit Road
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Wellpinit, Washington 99040

Dear Chairwoman Evans:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would like to invite your tribal government to initiate consultation with our Agency regarding the issuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits for the Grand Coulee Dam.

This permit will address oil and grease discharges and pH from Grand Coulee Dam. The Grand Coulee Dam discharges in an area of interest to the Spokane Tribe of Indians (Spokane Tribe), but downstream of tribal waters.

The EPA is planning to public notice draft NPDES permits for the Grand Coulee Dam in early November 2018. The EPA provided staff at the Spokane Tribe information on the development of these permits in August 2018 and presented an overview and status of these permits on September 19, 2018.

The EPA staff contact for this permitting action is Jenny Wu. You can reach her at (206) 553-6328, via email at Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov. The EPA would appreciate a response to this tribal consultation invitation no later than October 31, 2018. In your response, please include a designated tribal official for my staff to work with in the planning for tribal consultation. If your tribe has a policy regarding consultation with EPA, please include that, as well. If your tribe does not wish to request tribal consultation, there will still be opportunities to be involved and provide comments now or during the EPA's public comment period.

The enclosed documents are not available to the general public yet. Therefore, please do not release them to external parties until the formal public comment period is in effect. We will notify you when we begin the public comment period for this permit.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (206) 553-1855, if you or your tribal government have any questions or concerns regarding this letter. I look forward to hearing from you on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel D. Opalski".

Daniel D. Opalski
Director

Enclosures

cc: Brian Crossley, Spokane Tribe (via email)